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Thanks

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Good morning all,

I hope everyone had a great weekend.

Administrator McCarthy will be back in our region, this time visiting Houston, TX, on April 23. She'll be speaking at the CERA Week 2015 Energy Conference, meeting with TEJAS, Air Alliance Houston, the Port of Houston, and Cong. Gene Green.

As usual, her office will need hot issues. Please send them to me in the HQ format by **COB, Tuesday April 14**. Below is the proper format and an example.

Please let me know if you have any other questions, thanks!

Issue: (Name of Issue)

Background/Status: (a few sentences only)

Message: (2-3 bullet points)

Contact: (Division Director, Division, Phone Number)

Example:

Issue: Illinois River Watershed Nutrient TMDL Development Project

Background/Status: In 2002, Oklahoma established a 0.037 mg/L phosphorus criterion for its portion of the Illinois River, as well as the State's other designated "scenic rivers." Subsequently, Oklahoma and Arkansas entered into an agreement which stipulated NPDES permit limits of 1.0 mg/L of phosphorus for certain major dischargers in the watershed. The terms of that agreement expired in June 2012, and since then the two states have allowed permits to be administratively continued with existing permit limits. In February 2013, Oklahoma and Arkansas entered into a new three-year agreement for Arkansas to fund a stressor-response study for the Illinois River to determine the total phosphorus threshold response level.

Message:

- Since November 2009, EPA Region 6 has been working with affected tribes, public, and agencies from both states to develop a comprehensive water quality model of the Illinois River Watershed.
- Region 6 has recently received letters from the Arkansas Congressional Delegation, Tyson Foods, Inc., and others asking the Regional Administrator to place the Illinois River modeling and TMDL development process on hold until the stressor-response study is completed.
- Region 6 believes that the current work is vital to improving water quality and plans to continue its current modeling efforts in the Illinois River Basin. The Region expects to complete the modeling by late Fall 2014.

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Respectfully,

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